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SUBJECT: WMO COMMISSION FOR SPECIAL APPLICATIONS OF
METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATOLOGY (COSAMC) SEVENTH SESSION:
MID-SESSION REPORT

1. SEVENTH SESSION OF COSAMC VERY WELL ATTENDED, WITH 52
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY 91 DELEGATES. SEVEN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS ARE PARTICIPATING.

2. SESSION DISCUSSIONS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE. COMMITTEE
A ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS IS CHAIRED BY THOMAS (CANADA),
WITH VICE CHAIRMAN REICHART (POLAND). COMMITTEE B ON
SCIENTIFIC MATTERS IS CHAIRED BY SNEYERS (BELGIUM), WITH
VICE CHAIRMAN KABAKIBO (SYRIA). COMMITTEE A HAS CON-
SIDERED ITEMS 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, AND IS
PROCEEDING VERY WELL; ONLY ITEM 21 REMAINS ON THEIR AGENDA.
COMMITTEE B HAS CONSIDERED ITEMS 5, 11, 14, 16, 17; ITEMS
4, 8, 9 AND 18 REMAIN.

3. USSR HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE, IN CONTRAST TO THEIR
PARTICIPATION IN COSAMC VI. THEIR PREPARED PAPERS ARE
GENERALLY GOOD, WITH THE USUAL STRESS ON BLOC ACTIVITIES.

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CANADA, FRANCE, SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA AND NEW ZEALAND ALSO
ACTIVE. NO EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES HAVE BEEN RAISED.

4. STRONG CONSENSUS EMERGING THAT COSAMC MUST PLAY SIG-
NIFICANT ROLE IN WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY IN
SERVICES AND DATA ASPECTS AND IN IMPACT STUDIES PROGRAM.
DETAILS ON HOW THIS ROLE SHOULD BE PLAYED ARE TO BE DIS-

CUSSED.

5. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF HARB (EGYPT), KORZUN (USSR), BRAVO (VENEZUELA), QUINLAN (USA), MAUNDER (NEW ZEALAND), AND GALZI (FRANCE), WITH ALL WMO REGIONS REPRESENTED. A PROCEDURAL QUESTION ON TERMS OF REFERENCE RAISED BY KORZUN, WHO WANTS COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR ALLWORKING GROUPS AND RAPPORTEURS, AS WELL AS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. ISSUE UNDER STUDY BY SECRETARIAT; NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 1978. NO APPARENT CONSENSUS AT THIS STAGE ON NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT BUT CONSIDERABLE INFORMAL SUPPORT FOR THOMAS (CANADA). NOTE: DELEGATION APPRECIATES FACT THAT CANADIANS ALREADY HOLD PRESIDENCY IN THREE OUT OF THE EIGHT WMO TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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